

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009***

Present: Selectmen Rosanne Gilbert and Michael Woodworth. Others present included Clay Mitchell, Sue McKinnon, Doug Marino and Nancy Spencer.

Call to order: 6:19pm by Michael Woodworth.

Clay Mitchell updated the Selectmen on several items:

- ❖ He expects the Planning Board to make a decision at their March meeting on the Vienneau project. A list of concerns will be coming from the Town Counsel by Thursday so that they may be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting with the Vienneaus. Clay will make a template for future applicants in order to smooth the process.
- ❖ The Dunkin Donuts project is coming along and may be finished ahead of schedule.
- ❖ The wind tower was delivered and will be installed Friday at the Water and Sewer plant.
- ❖ Clay expects the new impact fee to be approved at the next Planning Board meeting. This fee is separate from the Fire Impact Fee which will still be charged.
- ❖ He will clarify at the next Planning Board meeting the difference between age restricted housing (age 55 and older) which is subject to property taxes and elderly housing (age 65 and older) which is not subject to property taxes.

A Renewal Energy Committee was formed. Clay asked to be a non-voting member and the Selectmen agreed to this. Wes Moore was also appointed. Additional members will be appointed.

Steve Shope of the Conservation Commission asked if he could post the trails closed for the mud season as he has done in the past. The Selectmen gave their permission.

Sue McKinnon discussed changing the assessments of two residences located in the commercial zone. It was decided that the full board should be in attendance to discuss this along with the assessor. Sue will make arrangements for the assessor to attend a Selectmen's meeting.

Sue was asked to update the Town's website with the changes made on the 2009 Warrant.

Checks were signed.

A Current Use Land Change Tax Collector's Warrant was signed. Two abatements were signed along with an Elderly Exemption application and denial letter.

Correspondence from the NH Department of Revenue Administration was read.

Rosanne asked that the e-mail addresses collected at the Deliberative Session and the Town Office be entered into the database for the Selectmen.

Correspondence from Pro Bark, Inc. and PSNH were reviewed.

Discussion on CRSW/RRC and the REDC were tabled until next week.

A report of the loss of State Revenue to Newfields and SAU 16 was reviewed.

The Department of State Revenue Community Action Report was discussed.

A letter from Clean Cool Air Planet will be given to the new Renewable Energy Committee.

Rosanne made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2009 Selectmen's Meeting. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Rosanne does not have any additional information on the stimulus plan at this time. She is waiting for a call back from Carol Shea-Porter. When Rosanne spoke with Jeanne Shaheen she didn't have any further information on the plan. Rosanne will keep on top of this.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2009 Selectmen's Meeting via telephone. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor. Rosanne was unable to vote as she was absent from the meeting.

Doug Marino attended the meeting to gather information for a report to Marcia Moody and Carol Shea-Porter. At the end of the meeting he asked questions about the Town's biggest concerns (paving), how happy they are with the current economic status (8), and if a Selectman is being voted for in the next election – yes, three people are running for one open position.

Rosanne thanked Doug for attending the meeting and invited him to attend additional meetings. She is pleased that he is taking an interest in Town matters and wishes that more students his age would do so.

Rosanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Michael seconded the motion which passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant